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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 19 (Withdrawn).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A disposable absorbent article having a film-forming composition disposed on at least a skin-contacting surface of the absorbent article, wherein the composition is substantially anhydrous and is solid or semi-solid at room temperature, the composition comprises:

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- a. from about 1 to about 80 wt% of a skin conditioning agent selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based emollients; fatty acid esters; polysiloxanes; polyol polyesters; esters or ethers of polyhydroxy alcohols; fatty alcohol esters of polyprotic acids; animal oils, fats, and their derivatives; vegetable oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils, and their derivatives; branched hydrocarbons; fatty alcohol ethers; free sterols, sterol esters and their derivatives; sphingolipids; phospholipids; and mixtures thereof;
  - b. from about 15 to about 50 wt% of a viscosity enhancing agent selected from the group consisting of C12-C60 alcohols, waxes, fumed silicas, and mixtures thereof;
  - c. from about 1 to about 20 wt% of a film-forming agent selected from of polyalkenes, PVP/alpha-olefin copolymers, acrylic copolymers, and mixtures thereof; and
  - d. optionally, from about 0.01 to about 10 wt% of a skin care ingredient selected from the group consisting of Monographed I actives, Monographed III actives, vitamins, proton donating agents, protease inhibitors, enzyme inhibitors, chelating agents, anti-microbials, skin soothing agents, and mixtures thereof; and

wherein the composition is resistant to water, wash-off, and rub-off.

Claim 21 (Original): The disposable absorbent article of Claim 20, wherein the skin-contacting surface is selected from the group consisting of a topsheet, a cuff, a side panel, a waist region, a secondary layer underlying a topsheet, a bowel movement pocket, an insertable element inserted into the absorbent article for use during wear, and combinations thereof.

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Claim 22 (Original): The disposable absorbent article of Claim 20, wherein the skin conditioning agent is a petroleum-based emollient selected from the group consisting of petrolatum, mineral oil, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 23 (Original): The disposable absorbent article of Claim 20, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is an organic viscosity enhancing agent having a melting point of at least about 35°C.

Claim 24 (Original): The disposable absorbent article of Claim 20, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is a wax.

Claim 25 (Original): The disposable absorbent article of Claim 20, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is an alcohol selected from the group consisting of cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol, and mixtures thereof.